



THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

DISCUSSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE V. M. S. B. A.

Reports of Officers and Elections for Succeeding Year—A New York Breeder Gives His Views on Vermont Methods—Thinks We Are Losing Ground.

The 23d annual meeting of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' association was held at the Addison House in Middlebury on Wednesday. There was not a large attendance, but it was fully up to the average of the past three or four years. Among those present from a distance was John P. Ray of Hemlock Lake, N. Y., secretary of the New York State Standard Wool Growers' association.

President C. E. Abell of Orwell being absent, the meeting was called to order at 11:15 o'clock by Vice President Charles M. Remele of Middlebury, and L. A. Skiff of Middlebury, the secretary, read his report, which embodied a statement of the financial transactions of the year. It appeared from the report that there had been 15 applications for membership during the year. Of these, nine had been accepted, four were rejected and two had not yet been finally disposed of. The financial condition of the association will be found in the following figures taken from the

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Cash Receipts.
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$163.61
Membership fees, 124.00
Committee fees, 17.30
Flock Records sold, 3.00
Registers sold, 4.00
Certificates of transfer, 11.85
Stock rams record, 7.50
Recording lambs, 137.50
Recording sheep other than lambs, 12.00
Flock Fees, 40.00
E. H. Jewett on account, 3.00

EXPENDITURES.

Seven hundred and fifty postal cards, \$7.50
Albert Chapman's estate, interest, 19.35
" " on principal, 100.00
Repairs on office, 10.85
H. I. Worden, flock fee returned, 5.00
John James, Eagle Bridge, N. Y., fee not accepted, 3.75
Horne James, flock fee returned, 5.00
D. W. Roberts, fees on lambs not accepted, 2.30
J. G. Barker, fees on lambs, 3.00
J. H. Mead, to balance of account, 2.80
Register Co., stationery and printing, 21.41
Postage, 7.95
Committee on pedigrees and auditor, 19.50
Secretary's salary, 500.00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, \$209.52
Registering fees due, 25.70
Membership fees due, 62.00
Sixteen Flock Records, 10.00
Safe and office furniture, 250.00
Postage, 7.11
Less amount due Albert Chapman's estate, \$249.36
\$184.19

Secretary Skiff said that there were on hand 727 copies of the second volume of the association's Register, 777 of the third volume and 371 of the fourth volume. These it had been customary to count among the assets at their full value, but he thought they ought not to go in for over half price. Some members thought they might as well not be included in the assets at all.

The election of officers followed. Ira L. Hamblin of Cornwall was elected president and upon taking the chair made brief remarks. He thanked the association for the honor of his election and said that he had always had an ambition to be their president some time, and now that ambition was realized. He had, he said, always been interested in sheep and had made the Vermont merino a specialty and he would continue to do so for still another year.

The remaining officers were then elected, all by acclamation, as follows: First vice-president, C. M. Remele of Middlebury; second vice-president, H. E. Sanford of West Cornwall; secretary and treasurer, L. A. Skiff of Middlebury; directors, Cyrus H. Smith of Town Line, J. T. Stickney of Shoreham, E. J. Carpenter of Addison and A. J. Field of West Cornwall; committees on pedigrees, E. N. Bissell of East Shoreham, C. P. Crane of Bridport and Charles A. Chapman of Ferrisburg.

E. N. Bissell called attention to the fact that many members failed to comply with the rules by keeping a private flock record. He said it was very important that this should be done, and that as a member of the committee on pedigrees he should insist that the rule be complied with hereafter.

Mr. Ray of Hemlock Lake, N. Y., was then called upon and made a brief but interesting address. He gave high praise to Vermont and Vermonters all around, and a mention of Admiral Dewey provoked hearty applause. He said that in the sheep business Vermonters should be careful, as our very wrinkly and dense-fleeced merinos did not seem to be any longer wanted in the west, while sheep men in other states were having good sales for the western trade. He instanced the case of a man in his own state who he personally knew had recently shipped five carloads of merinos to the west and had made \$1000 on each carload. There had been a great change in the sheep business since the boom period from 1873 to 1883, and sheep men must realize the changed conditions. We had, he said, expected great things from the Dingley bill, but these expectations had never been realized. Mr. Ray concluded by reading an extract from an address which he will deliver before the coming meeting of his association, discussing the demand for different kinds of sheep for different purposes. Mr. Ray was given a vote of thanks for his address.

On motion of H. E. Sanford the salary of the secretary was placed at \$300, the same as was paid last year. The secretary was then instructed to get an expert here to open the safe owned by the association, the combination of which was lost at the time of the death of Albert Chapman, the organizer and long-time secretary of this association. Secretary Skiff was also instructed to sell the safe if he thought best and could get a fair price.

This completed the business of the meeting, and at 12:20 it adjourned without day.

Church Membership.

The New York Independent prints a table giving the membership of various Christian denominations in the United States and the membership a year ago. From this it appears that the Protestant and Catholic membership now amounts to 27,714,523, a gain over last year of 862,300. The largest gain has been among the Roman Catholics, who show a total membership in the United States of 8,395,178, or an increase of 219,791. The Methodists come next in the list with 5,808,094, an increase of 162,196. The Baptists follow with a gain of 131,465, and a total of 4,264,427. The Presbyterians report a total of 1,542,401, and a gain of 52,239. The church of the New Jerusalem is the only denomination reporting a loss, it being 972 out of a total of 6702. The Congregationalists show a gain of 10,659 and a total of 626,864; the Universalists show a gain of 2169 and a total of 48,850; the Episcopalians show a gain of 21,844 and a total of 689,347; the Lutherans show a gain of 36,678 and a total of 1,526,552; the Unitarians show a gain of 5000 and a total of 75,000; the Christian Scientists 70,000, a gain of 30,000.

A Long Lost Badge Returned to Its Owner.

Captain G. S. Orr, now of Poultney, who served during the civil war in the 77th regt., New York state infantry, while the operations against Richmond were in progress in 1864, lost a gold badge near the Weldon railroad. It was in the shape of a Maltese cross made of silver, and in a circle in gold were the figures "77." It also bore this inscription: "Capt. George S. Orr, 77th regt., N. Y. S. V." The regiment was attached to the sixth corps, and was usually engaged with that command. Captain Orr had never heard a word or thing of the badge until a few days ago, when he received a package by mail and, opening it, found his badge. A letter accompanying it told that it was sent by Captain Andrew Mager of company H, 15th New York engineers, now a resident of Queens county, L. I., who sent no word as to how or where he procured it, but said that he would, if the captain wished. The latter has written for the information. The badge is in good condition, and the owner was much pleased to receive it.

A Valuable Report.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station has just been issued from the press. It is the largest volume thus far published by the station, is well illustrated and contains much matter of interest to the farmer in connection with the composition of crops, feeding stuffs, potato and apple diseases and their remedies, fungi, weeds, impurities of seeds, plum growing, winter killing of shrubs, bee keeping, cattle feeding, quality of butter, preservation of milk, cream raising, etc. The report contains 300 pages, and while some of it is made up of more or less abstruse scientific matter, a large share will be found of value to the farmer. The report will be sent to Vermont addresses without charge; address the Experiment Station, Burlington, Vt. Such residents of Vermont as desire to have their names placed upon the station mailing list, that they may receive all the reports and bulletins of the station without further notice, should make this request in writing. A postal card is sufficient.

For Competent Milk Testers.

It is expected to hold a supplementary session of the Dairy School at the University of Vermont for one week, beginning Feb. 6, the school to be devoted solely to instruction in milk testing. The enactment of a law at the last session of the legislature requiring that all operators of the Babcock test at creameries and cheese factories should have a certificate for competency in handling the test has created somewhat of a demand for special instruction in this line. Any person desiring to attend this school of special instruction in milk testing should apply to the superintendent in charge, Prof. J. L. Hills, Burlington, Vt. There will be no fees or tuition charges. The only expense involved will be that of board and railroad fares. The students may remain anywhere from one to six days.

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AROUND THE STATE.

ITEMS GATHERED HERE AND THERE FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

A Big Stone Quarried for Senator Morrill's Mausoleum—A Bad Accident in the Railway Yards at Walpole—Other Items of Interest About the State.

The large stone roof of Senator Morrill's mausoleum, which is to be erected in the cemetery in Stratford, his native place, was cut in Montpelier, together with all the granite work which is being put in the vault. This stone is 18 feet by 10. It was shipped to Sharon some weeks ago and while being transported from the station at Sharon to Stratford was caught in a snow storm and had to be left beside the road until next spring. It is not expected the vault will be ready to receive the remains of Senator and Mrs. Morrill before late in the summer. The mausoleum will cost about \$10,000. The original programme called for its completion during the past fall.

John Lyons and Harry A. Thomas of North Walpole narrowly escaped instant death at the Boston & Maine railroad yards Wednesday afternoon. A train of heavy loaded coal cars were being pushed up the coal slide and on reaching the top the forward car was pushed over, the end falling 30 feet, striking the roof of a building used for a repair shop, completely demolishing it. Two men were seated in the lower story when the crash came and before they could make their escape were pinned down by the wreckage. Both men were uninjured with the exception of slight cuts and bruises.

Dana Curtis, a former resident of Lowell, and a man who has not been heard from for 40 years, is in that town. Although a man past 70 and nearly blind, he seems to enjoy the return home. He has been a sailor nearly all the time since leaving home and all of his relatives supposed him dead. He has visited many countries, has made several trips to the West Indies islands and stayed in the Philippines one summer.

Norwich University may regard the war record of her sons with unique pride, for among them were Admiral Dewey, Col. Rice of the Sixth Massachusetts, Capt. Hovey of the famous Twenty-fourth Infantry, Maj. Henry of the Rough Riders, Commander Colvocoresses of the Concord, Commander of the Montgomery and half a hundred other heroes. It is a grand record to preserve at the old military school.

Emma, wife of George Rolf, a former popular druggist in Montpelier, secured a divorce from her husband in Boston Friday morning in record breaking time. The proceedings in court lasted exactly eight minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Rolf were married in June, 1892, but since February, 1893 have not lived together. "Doc," C. W. Locklin, formerly of Montpelier, was counsel for Mrs. Rolf.

The Estey Organ company of Brattleboro is manufacturing at the present time an organ which will exceed in size any organ ever made at their factories. It is of a special design and will be supplied, with the most modern improvements, such as pneumatic couplers, etc. It is being built for a firm in Germany, and it will be shipped in sections, the parts filling several large cases.

Charles T. Fairfield has completed arrangements for the publication of a new evening daily newspaper at Rutland. He claims that he will begin the project with a pledged support sufficient to make the undertaking a success. Mr. Fairfield retired recently from the management of the North Adams Transcript and previous to coming to that city was a publisher in Michigan.

Supreme court convened at Montpelier Jan. 24, in its room at the state house. The full bench was present, Chief Justice Taft presiding, and the new member, John H. Watson, occupying the seat formerly occupied by Judge Thompson, that of sixth associate judge. The number of attorneys present, which was about 40, was unusually large.

H. C. McDuffee of Bradford voted for Senator Morrill, when he was first up for representative in 1854, and for the four succeeding times he was elected to that office. He also voted for senator in 1884. He is of the opinion that he cast his vote for the venerable senator as many times as any man in the state.

Hugh M. Adams, a former Brattleboro liveryman, who left last February, writes that he and George Wilson, another Brattleboro man, are engaged in mining near Dawson City. Joseph Ferriter, who learned his trade in the Phoenix office, is employed as a printer in the Klondike Nugget office at Dawson.

Surrounded by four generations of their family, within sight of the old farmhouse, which has been the family homestead since 1795, and in which over 60 years of their happy married life have been passed, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilder of Dummerston celebrated last week the 67th anniversary of their marriage.

A curious accident happened at George Fisk's in Barton which might have caused the loss of all the buildings by fire if the family had been away. A cat after a mouse threw over a loaded gun which stood in the corner of the shed, causing a discharge which set fire to a lot of shavings and kindling wood.

The vital statistics for Swanton for 1898 are marriages, 41; births, 103; deaths, 68. During 1897 there were 32 marriages, 109 births and 69 deaths.

H. P. Utley of Manchester thinks that he had the prize calf. It was 10 months old when he slaughtered it the other day and dressed 450 pounds.

L. D. Hopkins, who recently resigned his position as superintendent of the Estey Organ company at Brattleboro, has accepted the superintendency of a large furniture company in Williamsport, Penn., and will leave for that place the latter part of the week.

The public reading room started at White River Junction for young men and boys through the efforts of Rev. A. J. Hough, who is so well known throughout New England as a preacher and poet, opened Friday evening under favorable circumstances.

The failure of P. A. Roach of St. Johnsbury is announced, with liabilities amounting to \$20,000. Mr. Roach has offered to settle for 30 cents on the dollar. He has been in business there for 25 years, and his failure came as a great surprise.

H. J. Griffith, formerly of Bennington, has received many contracts from the government for supplies during the past few months. Among them was one for 300 working oxen, for use in Cuba.

At a special town meeting in St. Johnsbury it was voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of erecting a school building in Sumnerville.

The Rutland board of school commissioners recommend the appropriation of \$33,500 for the use of the public schools of that city for 1899.

Leut.-Col. Oliver Ellsworth, who is in Havana on the staff of Gen. Lee, is a graduate of the Burr and Burton seminary at Manchester.

William Burt of Belvidere had one shoulder crushed and one arm broken by the falling branch of a tree which he was chopping down.

There were 12 cases of measles among the members of the family of George Busbee of Manchester depot the past week.

Mrs. George B. Wright of New York city has presented the public library of Orwell with a number of valuable volumes.

Alex. Brigham of Newport fell about 20 feet in the ice house a few days ago and was severely hurt.

Work has been resumed in the Copperfield mines, but only a small force of men is employed.

Mrs. Whitman Dean of Bethel is the possessor of a copy of Watts hymn book, published in 1794.

Senator Proctor left Washington Wednesday for a tour through Cuba. He was accompanied by his family.

Prest & Co. of Gardner, Mass., will soon commence the manufacture of chairs at Manchester.

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With your theatres, parties and balls,
And boast how you see from your windows
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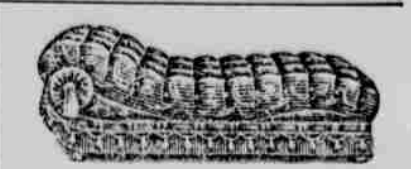
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